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Applicant: Chris Polman
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Title: USE OF RILUZOLE FOR THE TREATMENT OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 22, 2002

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2002 ("Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the instant application be amended as follows.

In the Specification

In the specification, please insert new Abstract at new page 12 as follows:

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Abstract of the Disclosure

The invention relates to treatment of multiple sclerosis in a subject by administering 6-(trifluoromethoxy)-benzothiazolamine, also known as riluzole, to the subject.--

A new clean page 12 is provided with this response for the Examiner's convenience.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 1.

Please replace claims 5, 9, 10, and 12 with new claims below.

--5. The method of claim 4 wherein said additional agent is selected from the group consisting of interferon beta -1a, interferon beta -1b, and copaxone.